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For: PAINT SUBSTITUTE FILM

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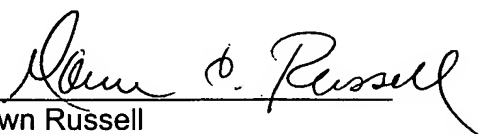
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Reference US 4,692,481 corresponds to reference JP 61-85481. A copy of the U.S. Patent reference is not enclosed.

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Documents to be filed with Information Disclosure Statement**Re.: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/734,297**

Title: PAINT SUBSTITUTE FILM

Three Japanese Laid-Open Patent Applications are newly cited as bases of rejection under §29 of Japan Patent Law in the Office Action issued on December 6, 2006 in connection with the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. P2002-364026.

D1: JP 2000-85075 A**D2: JP 2002-294163 A****D3: JP 61-85481 A**

Explanation of relevance (extracted from the Office Action)

(D1) JP 2000-85075 A

Cited as relevant to Claims 1 and 2 of the counterpart JP application corresponding to Claims 1 and 2 of the present U.S. application. [The Scope of Claims], and Paragraphs [0012] and [0013] of this reference are referred to.

(D2) JP 2002-294163 A

Cited as relevant (when combined with JP 2000-85075 A) to Claim 3 of the counterpart JP application corresponding to Claim 3 of the present U.S. application. Paragraphs [0003], [0006] to [0008], and [0013] of this reference are referred to.

(D3) JP 61-85481 A

Cited as relevant (when combined with JP 2000-85075 A) to Claim 3 of the counterpart JP application corresponding to Claim 3 of the present U.S. application. Claim 26, Description Page 3, upper right column, line 9 to lower left column, line 4, and page 5, upper left column, lines 2 to upper right column, line 12 of this reference are referred to.

A copy of the **references** together with a copy of the **Office Action** (Notification of Reasons for Refusal issued by the Japan Patent Office) is enclosed herewith.

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For the **reference D3**, a copy of the following family U.S. Patent is enclosed instead.

D4: U.S. Patent No. 4,692,481

A copy of the **reference** is enclosed herewith.

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